(*b*) whether there are adequate measures to prevent such damages ; and

(*c*) if not, will they be pleased to bestow their attention on the matter and take adequate steps to prevent such damages ?

Mr. P. Raman Pillai: (*a*) Yes ; since cultivation has gone to the interior forests forming the abode of these animals.

(*b*) Adequate measures such as digging trenches, putting up barbed wire fencing along elephant tracks, shooting blank cartridges, have been suggested to ward off possible damages. The Forest Department has been doing its best to prevent damages from wild elephants by conducting capturing operations, proscribing solitary rogues and firing rockets to scare them away.

(*c*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*b*).

Mr. Eric Hall: May I know whether Government received any report regarding the damages done to the Periyar estate by wild elephants ?

Mr. P. Raman Pillai: Government have made enquiries.

Mr. Eric Hall: May I know whether Government have taken any steps to prevent damages done by wild elephants ?

Mr. P. Raman Pillai: It was found that damage has been done. Estate owners were advised to take precautionary measures to prevent those damages. Government have done all they could in the matter.

Mr. Eric Hall: Is it possible to dig trenches round all these estates which suffer from attacks of wild elephants ?

Mr. P. Raman Pillai: There are certain precautionary measures which the estate managers themselves can do. Wild elephants generally come through particular paths.

Mr. R. V. Thomas: With reference to answer to part (*b*) may I know whether Government have actually put up trenches ?

Mr. P. Raman Pillai: Government have not undertaken any planting in the district. They have done all what is possible.

Mr. R. V. Thomas: I want to know whether Government have actually dug trenches, put up barbed wire fencing etc., in the planting districts ?

Mr. P. Raman Pillai: It is for the planters to do that. Government have done all they could do.

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Appointment of Excise Inspectors.

1. **Mr. T. Mahomed Ismail**: Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) how many additional places of Excise Inspectors have been sanctioned by the recent re-organisation of the Excise Department

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[Mr. T. Mahomed Ismail.]

(*b*) how many Inspectors have been appointed by promotion from the department ;

(*c*) how many have been appointed from outside the department ;

(*d*) what are the qualifications prescribed for appointment of Inspectors in the Excise Department;

(*e*) what are the qualifications of those appointed as Inspectors from outside the department; and

(*f*) how many persons employed in other departments have applied for the Excise Inspector's post ?

Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar (*Ag. Excise Commissioner*):

(*a*) 27.

(*b*) 22.

(*c*) 5.

(*d*) No special qualifications have been prescribed except the minimum one of S. S. L. C.

(*e*) One is an M. A. & LL. B. One is a B. A. & B. L. Three are holders of S. S. L. C.

(*f*) 3.

Statement, by caste, of Excise Inspectors newly appointed.

2. **Mr. T. Muhamed Ismail** : Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, of the Inspectors appointed in the Excise Department as a result of the re-organisation of the department ?

Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar : A * statement is laid on the table.

Taluks having no Debt Conciliation Boards.

3. **Mr. K. R. Elankath** : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the names of taluks which have not been brought within the jurisdiction of any of the Debt Conciliation Boards; and

(*b*) the reasons for the same ?

Mr. C. O. Madhavan : (*a*) Nedumangad, Pathanapuram, Shencotta, Mavelikara, Karunagapalli, Kunnathur, Devicolam, Peermade, and Kartikapalli except the pakuthies of Kumarapuram and Veeyapuram.

(*b*) There is no special reason. The taluks of Mavelikara, Karunagapalli and Kartikapalli are proposed to be brought under the jurisdiction of the Boards shortly.

State Transport Department.

4. **Mr. K. R. Elankath** : Will the Government be pleased to state :

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